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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/812,568

Group Art Unit: 2125

Confirmation No.: 2653

Examiner: Steven R. Garland

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For: PROCESSING DEVICE AND PROCESSING TOOL FOR PROCESSING A
WORKPIECE

ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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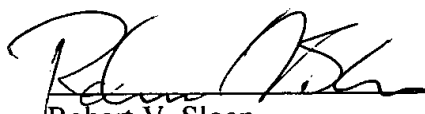
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In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 16, 2004, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of Claims 50-59 drawn to a processing system including recognizing means to identify the location of the tool and workpiece in the process station.

It is respectfully requested that Claims 36-49 inclusive be held in abeyance pending the possible filing of a Divisional Application.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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